

County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS)
CalFresh Program Guide Letter

Work Incentive Nutrition Supplement (WINS) Updates

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Issue date:

04/20/2015

Effective date:

Upon Receipt

Purpose:

To inform staff of changes regarding the Work Incentive Nutrition Supplement (WINS) Program.

Background:

In June 2012, Senate Bill (SB) 1041 instituted the Work Incentive Nutrition Supplement (WINS). WINS is a food benefit for Non-Assistance CalFresh (NACF) households who meet certain eligibility criteria ([63-420.1](#)).

WINS is a 100 percent TANF/ Maintenance of Effort (MOE) State funded food supplement that adds ten dollars (\$10) each month to the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) account of qualifying CalFresh households.

WINS is not a cash payment or a CalFresh benefit. The purpose of WINS is to increase the CalWORKs TANF Federal WPR ([CPG 10-002.A](#)).

California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) recipients are also eligible to receive the WINS benefit, but are funded with 100 percent non-MOE General Fund and will not be countable towards the Federal Work Participation Rate (WPR).

Policy Change:

This letter specifies:

- The dates when the monthly WINS benefits should be issued to clients.
- Changes to the eligibility determination and discontinuance of WINS based on the new issuance dates of the benefit.
- The WINS eligibility work requirement for two-parent families.

Summary of Changes:

[63-420.1](#) Update to the hours required for two-parent families

[63-420.2](#) Update to the issuance dates of the WINS benefit

Updated procedures to align with new processing time frames for reported changes

Updates to the CalFresh Program Guide are noted with **highlighted** text.

Impacts:

Automation: CalWIN will be updated to reflect WINS changes in April 2015

Forms and Document Capture: No Impact

Programs Affected: Refer to [CPG 10-002.A](#)

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Quality Control: Quality Control will cite the appropriate error when the regulations cited in this program material have not been followed

Management Reporting: No Impact

References:

[MPP 42-716](#)

[ACWDL Dated February 2nd, 2015](#)

[ACL 13-71](#)

[ACIN I-14-14, I-14-14E](#)

[ACIN I-27-15](#)

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 04/30/2018.

Approval for Release:

Handwritten signature of Rick Wanne in blue ink, followed by the date "4-20-15" also in blue ink.

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